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Arkansans Focused On Health Care, Economy

It's no surprise that Arkansans are concerned about the critical issues facing our nation, from health care to the economy. Last week, I traveled across our state and in every town I visited, from Pine Bluff to Springdale, and Jonesboro to Russellville, Arkansans shared their personal experiences about how they're coping with rising health care costs, an uncertain job market, and the overall increase in the cost of living.

We have a lot to tackle in Washington, and this week the Senate Finance Committee, on which I sit, is at work crafting a health care reform proposal that will provide stable, affordable, and high-quality health care to all Arkansans.

I believe health care reform must build upon what works. We must invest in our nation's health care infrastructure—its providers, technologies, and facilities—especially in rural America where health care services and providers are fewer and farther between. Above all, we must bring stability to health care. As we work to reform our nation's health care system, we must pay for reform without adding to the deficit. I'll continue my fight for Arkansans as Congress moves ahead on health care reform.

I'm looking forward to heading back home to Arkansas this weekend. On Sunday, July 12, at 1:00 p.m., I'll be in Nashville to attend the dedication of the new Howard Memorial Hospital. This new hospital is a positive reflection of the people of Howard County and their commitment to enhancing their community. The new hospital will not only offer services to those in need, but also will provide new economic opportunities for Howard County. I commend the entire community for their successful efforts in reaching this achievement.

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